

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Lyons et al.	) <u>PATENT</u>
Serial No.: 10/732,862	) Attorney Docket ) ICC-136.0
Filed: December 10, 2003	) (9720/88881) )
For: STABILIZED IMMUNOGENIC HBc CHIMER PARTICLES	) Group Art Unit: ) 1648 )
Examiner: Michael M. McGaw	)

## REPLY AND AMENDMENT

Mail Stop Amendments Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Official Action mailed on December 17, 2004, for which a Petition for an Extension of Time and its required fee are enclosed, please amend the application as follows.